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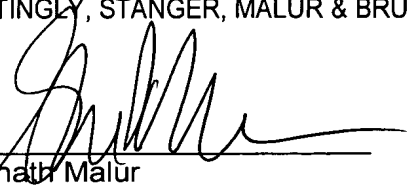
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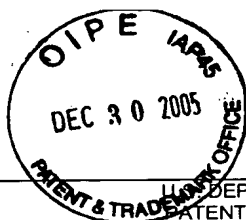
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AC	6,529,944	03/04/03	Lecrone, Douglas			
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AF	6,654,830	11/25/03	Taylor et al			
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AS	"Network Attached Storage", Product White Paper, Feb. 2002,
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AI	6,816,948	11/09/04	Kitamura et al				
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